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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the document on arrangements for intergovernmental meetings.[1]

2. The SBI also took note with appreciation of the preparations by the secretariat and the Government of Poland for ensuring the success of the United Nations Climate Change Conference, to be held in Katowice, Poland, from 3 to 14 December 2018, which will include the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the third part of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) (hereinafter referred to as the conference).

3. The SBI invited the Government of Poland to regularly provide additional information regarding the preparations for the conference.

4. The SBI emphasized the importance of following the principles of openness, transparency and inclusiveness, and adhering to established procedures on decision-making in making arrangements for the conference.

5. The SBI reiterated its appreciation of the successful collaboration between the current Presidency and the incoming Presidency on the preparations for the conference and particularly on jointly leading the Talanoa Dialogue.[2]

6. The SBI requested the secretariat to take note of the views expressed by Parties on the possible elements of the provisional agendas for COP 24 and CMP 14. The SBI noted that the agenda for CMA was adopted at the first part of its first session.[3]

7. The SBI recommended that the high-level segment commence on Tuesday, 11 December, and invited the President Designate of COP 24, CMP 14 and CMA 1.3, in consultation with the secretariat and the Bureau, to finalize the details of the arrangements for the conference, including arrangements for the high-level segment. In this regard, the

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[1] See document FCCC/SBI/2018/7.

[2] More information on the Talanoa Dialogue is available at https://talanoadialogue.com.

[3] See document FCCC/PA/CMA/2016/3.

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SBI acknowledged the evolving nature of the negotiations and the need for flexibility in the organization of the conference.

8. The SBI agreed to continue to have joint meetings of the supreme bodies during the high-level segment of the conference, and invited the secretariat to make arrangements for the delivery of concise national statements by ministers and other heads of delegations with a recommended time limit of three minutes, and statements by representatives of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations with a recommended time limit of two minutes.

9. The SBI took note of the need to ensure effective time management during the conference and requested the presiding officers, with the support of the secretariat, to continue to enhance efforts in this area, noting the improvements made during past sessions. The SBI also noted the desire of Parties to maximize the time available to the three subsidiary bodies to advance their work so as to facilitate the timely conclusion of the work at the conference while providing sufficient time for the COP to forward the outcomes of the Paris Agreement work programme for consideration and adoption at CMA 1.

10. The SBI underlined the importance of the conclusion at COP 24 of the political phase of the Talanoa Dialogue, the third high-level ministerial dialogue on climate finance, the high-level event on enhancing climate action and the stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition.

11. The SBI noted that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President of COP 25 would come from the Latin American and Caribbean States and the President of COP 26 from the Western European and other States. The SBI invited Parties to come forward with offers to host COP 25 and COP 26.

12. The SBI recommended the following dates for the sessional periods in 2023, for consideration at COP 24:

(a) First sessional period: Monday, 5 June, to Thursday, 15 June;

(b) Second sessional period: Monday, 6 November, to Friday, 17 November.

13. The SBI took note of the views expressed by Parties at this session on the issue of frequency and location of sessions of the supreme bodies taking place after 2020. The SBI agreed to consider this issue further at SBI 50 (June 2019) to allow Parties to fully take into consideration the outcomes of the Paris Agreement work programme. It invited Parties to submit their views on this issue via the submission portal[4] by 15 March 2019 for consideration at SBI 50. Without prejudice to any outcome, the SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report of the submissions and an information paper including on the budgetary and other implications of different proposals contained in the submissions mentioned above, and to make them available before the discussion at SBI 50.

14. The SBI recalled its conclusions at SBI 34 and SBI 46[5] on the effective engagement of non-Party stakeholders and requested the secretariat to continue reporting biennially on this subject, taking into account all relevant SBI conclusions. The SBI took note of the update provided by the secretariat for 2016–2017 based on SBI conclusions and the views of Parties and non-Party stakeholders on this subject.[6]

15. The SBI reiterated the importance of enhancing the engagement of non-Party stakeholders in the intergovernmental process and took note of the diverse views expressed by Parties regarding their engagement. In this regard, the SBI invited Parties and non-Party stakeholders to continue to identify at SBI 50 opportunities and improved practices to further enhance the openness, transparency, inclusiveness and balance of the effective engagement of non-Party stakeholders, in a manner that enhances the implementation of the Convention.

[4] https://unfccc.int/submissions_and_statements.

[5] FCCC/SBI/2017/7, paragraph 119.

[6] Submissions available at https://unfccc.int/submissions_and_statements.

16. In this regard, the SBI acknowledged the new submission portal developed by the secretariat which enables observer organizations to submit their views online and also acknowledged the success of the first open dialogue held under the Presidency of COP 23. The SBI encouraged future Presidencies, supported by the secretariat as appropriate, to continue organizing and facilitating an open dialogue among Parties and observer organizations, while implementing its conclusions from SBI 46.

17. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 13 and 14 above. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.